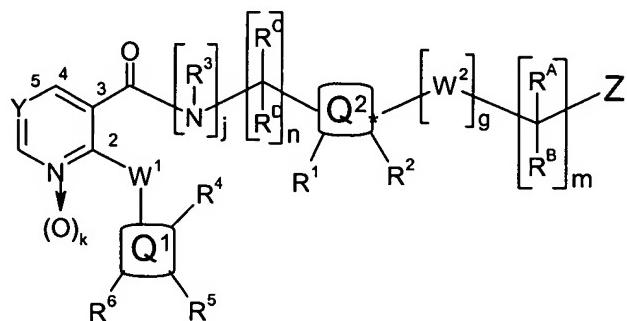


-Amendments to the Claims-

1. (Currently amended) A compound of Formula (1.0.0):



(1.0.0)

— wherein —

-g is 0 or 1;

-j is 0 or 1; provided that when j is 0, n must be 2;

-k is 0 or 1

-m is 0, 1, or 2;

-n is 1 or 2;

-W¹ is  $-O-$ ; or  $S(=O)_t$ , where t is 0, 1, or 2; or  $N(R^3)$  where  $R^3$  has the same meaning as defined below;

-W² is  $-O-$ ;  $S(=O)_t$ , where t is 0, 1, or 2;  $N(R^3)$  where  $R^3$  has the same meaning as defined below, or  $CR^{29}R^{30}$ ;

— where —

$R^{29}$  and  $R^{30}$  are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of H; F;  $CF_3$ ;  $(C_4-C_8)$  alkyl;  $(C_3-C_6)$  cycloalkyl; phenyl; benzyl; and pyridyl; wherein said alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, or benzyl, and pyridyl moieties are each independently substituted with 0 to 3 substituents  $R^{10}$ , where  $R^{10}$  has the same meaning as defined below;

-Y is  $=C(R_{a})-$ , where  $R_a$  has the same meaning as defined below; or  $[N-(O)_k]$  where k is 0 or 1;

— where —

--R<sup>1</sup><sub>a</sub> is a member selected from the group consisting of -H; -F; -Cl; -CN; -NO<sub>2</sub>; -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl; -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkynyl; fluorinated-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>) alkyl; fluorinated-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>) alkoxy; -OR<sup>16</sup>; and -C(=O)NR<sup>22</sup><sub>a</sub>R<sup>22</sup><sub>b</sub>;

— where —

---R<sup>22</sup><sub>a</sub> and R<sup>22</sup><sub>b</sub> are each independently -H; -CH<sub>3</sub>; -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; -CH<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; -CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; -CH<sub>2</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>; cyclopropyl; cyclobutyl; or cyclopentyl;

-R<sup>A</sup> and R<sup>B</sup> are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of -H; -F; -CF<sub>3</sub>; -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl; -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>) cycloalkyl; phenyl; and benzyl; wherein said cycloalkyl, phenyl, and benzyl moieties are each independently substituted with 0 to 3 substituents R<sup>10</sup>;

— where —

--R<sup>10</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of phenyl; pyridyl; -F; -Cl; -CF<sub>3</sub>; oxo (=O); -OR<sup>16</sup>; -NO<sub>2</sub>; -CN; -C(=O)OR<sup>16</sup>; -O-C(=O)R<sup>16</sup>; -C(=O)NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>; -O-C(=O)NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>; -NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>; -NR<sup>16</sup>C(=O)R<sup>17</sup>; -NR<sup>16</sup>C(=O)OR<sup>17</sup>; -NR<sup>16</sup>S(=O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>17</sup>; and -S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>; wherein said phenyl or pyridyl is substituted by 0 to 3 R<sup>11</sup>;

— where —

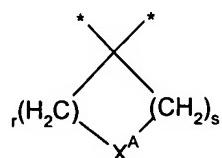
---R<sup>11</sup> is -F; -Cl; -CF<sub>3</sub>; -CN; -NO<sub>2</sub>; -OH; -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>) alkoxy; -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>) alkyl; or -NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>;

— and —

----R<sup>16</sup> and R<sup>17</sup> are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of -H; -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl; -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkenyl; -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) cycloalkyl; phenyl; and benzyl; and pyridyl; wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, or benzyl, or pyridyl is substituted by 0 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of -F, -Cl, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -CN, and -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>) alkyl;

— or —

-R<sup>A</sup> and R<sup>B</sup> are taken together, but only in the case where m is 1, to form a spiro moiety of Formula (1.2.0):



(1.2.0)

— where —

--r and s are independently 0 to 4 provided that the sum of r + s is at least 1 but not greater than 5;

— and —

$-X^A$  is selected from  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ,  $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{11})-$ , or  $\text{C}(\text{R}^{11})_2-$ , where each  $\text{R}^{11}$  is selected independently of the other and each has the same meaning as defined above;  $-\text{NR}^{16}-$ , where  $\text{R}^{16}$  has the same meaning as defined below;  $-\text{O}-$ ; and  $-\text{S}(=\text{O})_t-$ , where  $t$  is 0, 1, or 2;

— and —

said spiro moiety of partial Formula (1.2.0) is substituted as to any one or more carbon atoms thereof, other than that defining  $X^A$ , by 0 to 3 substituents  $\text{R}^{14}$ , where  $\text{R}^{14}$  has the same meaning as defined below; as to a nitrogen atom thereof by 0 or 1 substituent  $\text{R}^{16}$ , where  $\text{R}^{16}$  has the same meaning as defined below; and as to a sulfur atom thereof by 0 or 2 oxygen atoms;

$-\text{R}^C$  and  $\text{R}^D$  have the same meaning as defined above for  $\text{R}^A$  and  $\text{R}^B$  except that one of  $\text{R}^C$  or  $\text{R}^D$  them must be  $-\text{H}$ , and  $\text{R}^C$  and  $\text{R}^D$  they are selected independently of each other and of  $\text{R}^A$  and  $\text{R}^B$ ;

$-\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  may individually or together appear on any ring or rings comprising a meaning of the moiety  $\text{Q}^2$  as defined below; and  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of  $-\text{H}$ ;  $-\text{F}$ ;  $-\text{Cl}$ ;  $-\text{CN}$ ;  $-\text{NO}_2$ ;  $-(\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4)$  alkyl;  $-(\text{C}_2\text{-}\text{C}_4)$  alkynyl; fluorinated- $(\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_3)$  alkyl;  $-\text{OR}^{16}$ ; and  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{NR}^{22\text{a}}\text{R}^{22\text{b}}$ , where  $\text{R}^{16}$ ,  $\text{R}^{22\text{a}}$ , and  $\text{R}^{22\text{b}}$  have the same meanings as defined above;

$-\text{R}^3$  is  $-\text{H}$ ;  $-(\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_3)$  alkyl; phenyl; benzyl; or  $-\text{OR}^{16}$ , where  $\text{R}^{16}$  has the same meaning as defined above;

$-\text{R}^4$ ,  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  may individually or together appear on any ring or rings comprising a meaning of the moiety  $\text{Q}^1$  as defined below; and

$\text{R}^4$ ,  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  are each a member independently is selected from the group consisting of

— the following: —

$-(a)$   $-\text{H}$ ;  $-\text{F}$ ;  $-\text{Cl}$ ;  $-(\text{C}_2\text{-}\text{C}_4)$  alkynyl;  $-\text{R}^{16}$ ;  $-\text{OR}^{16}$ ;  $-\text{S}(=\text{O})_p\text{R}^{16}$ ;  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{16}$ ;  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{16}$ ;  $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{16}$ ;  $-\text{CN}$ ;  $-\text{NO}_2$ ;  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{NR}^{22\text{a}}\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{NR}^{22\text{a}}\text{C}(\text{=NR}^{12})\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{NR}^{22\text{a}}\text{C}(\text{=NCN})\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{NR}^{22\text{a}}\text{C}(\text{=N-NO}_2)\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{C}(\text{=NR}^{22\text{a}})\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{=NR}^{22\text{a}})\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{OC}(\text{=NR}^{22\text{a}})\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{OC}(\text{=N-NO}_2)\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{NR}^{22\text{a}}\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{16}$ ;  $-\text{NR}^{22\text{a}}\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{16}$ ;  $=\text{NOR}^{16}$ ;  $-\text{NR}^{22\text{a}}\text{S}(=\text{O})_p\text{R}^{17}$ ;  $-\text{S}(=\text{O})_p\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ; and  $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{=NR}^{22\text{a}})\text{NR}^{16}\text{R}^{17}$ ;

— where —

$-\text{p}$  is 0, 1, or 2; and  $\text{R}^{22\text{a}}$ ,  $\text{R}^{16}$ , and  $\text{R}^{17}$  have the same meanings as defined above;

$-(b)$   $-(\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4)$  alkyl; and  $-(\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4)$  alkoxy in the case where one or more of  $\text{R}^4$ ,  $\text{R}^5$ , or  $\text{R}^6$  has the meaning of  $-\text{OR}^{16}$  under (a) above and  $\text{R}^{16}$  is defined as  $-(\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_4)$  alkyl; wherein said alkyl and alkoxy are each independently substituted with 0 to 3 substituents  $-\text{F}$  or  $-\text{Cl}$ ; or 0 or 1 substituent  $(\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_2)$  alkoxy carbonyl-;  $(\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_2)$  alkyl carbonyl-; or  $(\text{C}_1\text{-}\text{C}_2)$  alkyl carbonyloxy-;

— and —

-(c) an aryl or heterocyclyl moiety selected from the group consisting of phenyl [[:]], or benzyl; furanyl; tetrahydrofuranyl; oxetanyl; thienyl; tetrahydrothienyl; pyrrolyl; pyrrolidinyl; oxazetyl; oxazolidinyl; isoxazetyl; isoxazolidinyl; thiazetyl; thiazolidinyl; isothiazetyl; isothiazolidinyl; pyrazetyl; pyrazolidinyl; oxadiazetyl; thiadiazetyl; imidazetyl; imidazolidinyl; pyridinyl; pyrazinyl; pyrimidinyl; pyridazinyl; piperidinyl; piperazinyl; triazetyl; triazinyl; tetrazetyl; pyranyl; azetidinyl; morpholinyl; parathiazinyl; indetyl; indolinyl; benzene[b]furanyl; 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl; 2-H chremenyl; chremanyl; benzothienyl; 1-H indazolyl; benzimidazetyl; benzoxazetyl; benzisoxazetyl; benzthiazetyl; quinolinyl; isoquinolinyl; phthalazinyl; quinazolinyl; quinoxalinyl; and purinyl; wherein said phenyl or benzyl aryl and heterocyclyl-moieties are each independently substituted with 0 to 2 substituents R<sup>14</sup>;

— where —

--R<sup>14</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl; -(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>) cycloalkyl; phenyl; and benzyl; pyridyl; and quinolinyl; where said alkyl, cycloalkyl, phenyl, or benzyl, pyridyl, or quinolinyl is substituted by 0, 1, or 2 substituents -F, -Cl, -CH<sub>3</sub>, -OR<sup>16</sup>, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -CN, or -NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>; and said R<sup>14</sup> group further consists of -F; -Cl; -CF<sub>3</sub>; oxo (=O); -OR<sup>16</sup>; -NO<sub>2</sub>; -CN; -C(=O)OR<sup>16</sup>; -O-C(=O)R<sup>16</sup>; -C(=O)NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>; -O-C(=O)NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>; -NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>; -NR<sup>16</sup>C(=O)R<sup>17</sup>; -NR<sup>16</sup>C(=O)OR<sup>17</sup>; -NR<sup>16</sup>S(=O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>17</sup>; or -S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>; where R<sup>16</sup> and R<sup>17</sup> have the same meanings as defined above;

— and further where —

--R<sup>15</sup> is a member independently selected from the group consisting of H; NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>; C(=O)R<sup>16</sup>; OR<sup>16</sup>; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl-OR<sup>16</sup>; C(=O)OR<sup>16</sup>; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>) alkyl-C(=O)OR<sup>16</sup>; C(=O)NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup>; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl; (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkenyl; (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>u</sub>(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>) cycloalkyl where u is 0, 1 or 2; phenyl; and benzyl; pyridyl; and quinolinyl; wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl, phenyl, or benzyl, pyridyl or quinolinyl is substituted with 0 to 3 substituents R<sup>12</sup>; where R<sup>16</sup> and R<sup>17</sup> have the same meanings as defined above; and

— where —

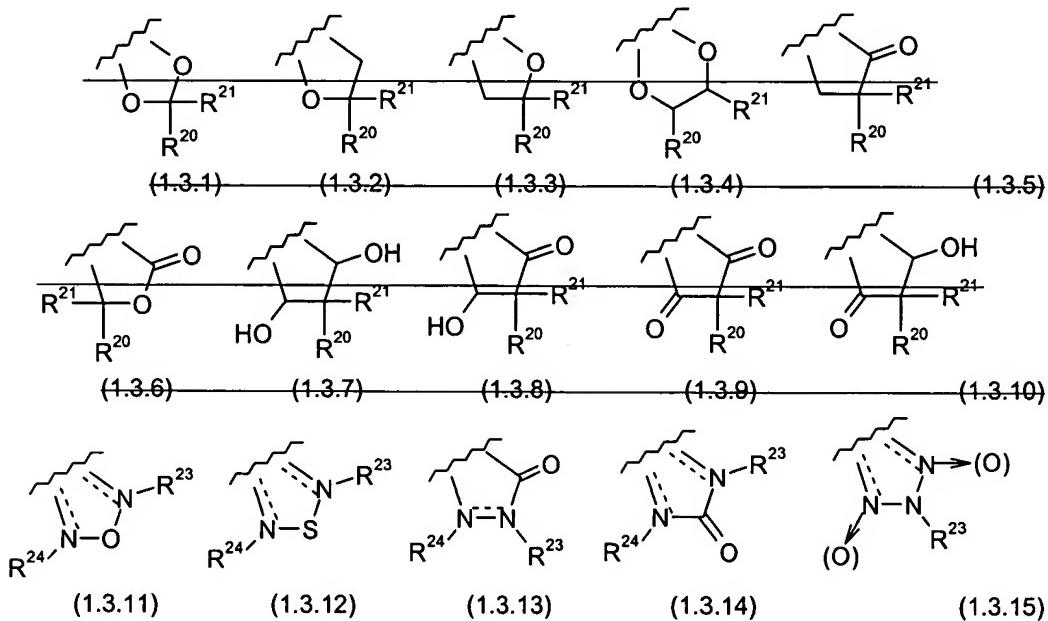
---R<sup>12</sup> is a member independently selected from the group consisting of -F; -Cl; -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>18</sup>; -OR<sup>16</sup>; -CN; -C(=O)NR<sup>18</sup>R<sup>19</sup>; -NR<sup>18</sup>R<sup>19</sup>; -NR<sup>18</sup>C(=O)R<sup>19</sup>; -NR<sup>18</sup>C(=O)OR<sup>19</sup>; -NR<sup>18</sup>S(=O)<sub>p</sub>R<sup>19</sup>; -S(=O)<sub>p</sub>NR<sup>18</sup>R<sup>19</sup>, where p is 1 or 2; -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl; and -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkoxy in the case where R<sup>12</sup> has the meaning of -OR<sup>16</sup> above and R<sup>16</sup> is defined as -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl; wherein said alkyl and alkoxy are each independently substituted with 0 to 3 substituents independently selected from -F; -Cl; -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>) alkoxy carbonyl; -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>) alkyl carbonyl; and -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>) alkyl carbonyloxy; where R<sup>16</sup> has the same meaning as defined above; and

— where —

-----R<sup>18</sup> and R<sup>19</sup> are independently selected from the group consisting of -H; -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl; and phenyl; where said alkyl or phenyl is substituted by 0-3 of -F; or -Cl;

— or in the case where  $Q'$  is phenyl —

-(d)  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  are taken together to form a moiety which is a member selected from the group consisting of partial Formulas (1.3.11) through (1.3.15) (1.3.1) through (1.3.15):



— wherein —

$R^{20}$  and  $R^{24}$  are each a member independently selected from the group consisting of H; F; Cl;  $CH_3$ ;  $CH_2F$ ;  $CHF_2$ ;  $CF_3$ ;  $OCH_3$ ; and  $OCF_3$ ;

$R^{23}$  and  $R^{24}$  are each independently  $-H$ ;  $-CH_3$ ;  $-OCH_3$ ;  $-CH_2CH_3$ ;  $-OCH_2CH_3$ ;  $-CH_2CH_2CH_3$ ;  $-CH_2(CH_3)_2$ ;  $-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_3$ ;  $-CH(CH_3)CH_2CH_3$ ;  $-CH_2CH(CH_3)_2$ ;  $-C(CH_3)_3$ ; or absent, in which case the dashed line — — — represents a double bond;

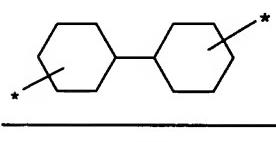
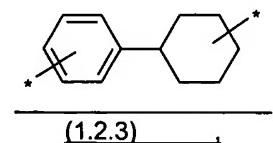
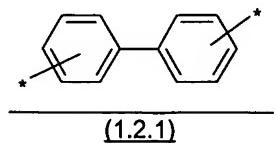
$Q'$  is phenyl a moiety comprising a saturated or unsaturated carbon ring system that is a 3 to 7-membered monocyclic, or that is a 7 to 12-membered, fused polycyclic; provided that  $Q'$  is not a discontinuous or restricted biaryl moiety as defined under  $Q^2$  below; and wherein optionally one carbon atom of said carbon ring system may be replaced by a heteroatom selected from N, O, and S; where optionally a second carbon atom thereof, and further optionally a third carbon atom thereof may be replaced by N;

— wherein —

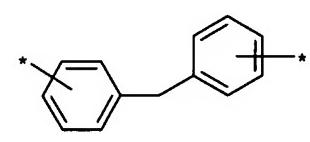
said phenyl moiety defining  $Q'$  is substituted on any ring or rings thereof by  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$ , which have the same meaning as defined above;

$Q^2$  is a discontinuous or restricted biaryl moiety consisting of a saturated or unsaturated carbon ring system that is a 3 to 7-membered monocyclic, or that is a 7 to 12-membered, fused polycyclic; wherein optionally one carbon atom of said carbon ring system

~~may be replaced by a heteroatom selected from N, O, and S; where optionally a second carbon atom thereof, and further optionally a third carbon atom thereof may be replaced by N;~~



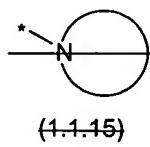
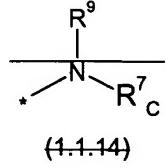
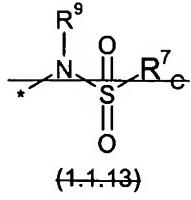
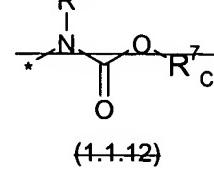
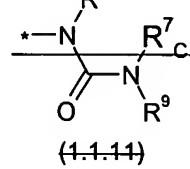
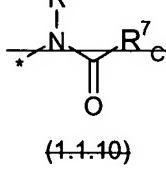
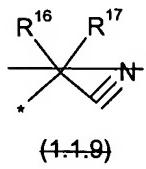
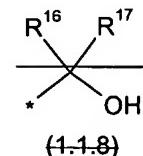
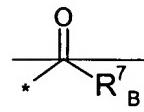
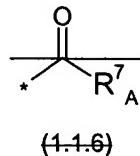
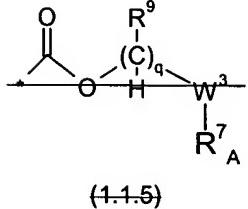
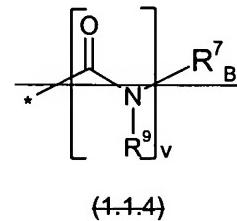
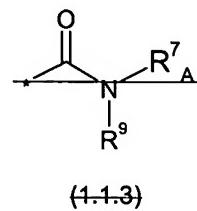
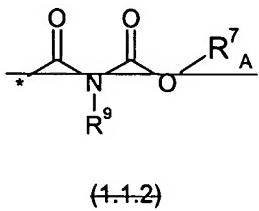
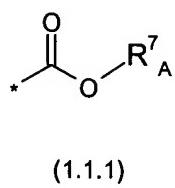
or



~~-Z is a member independently selected from the group consisting of~~

~~the following~~

~~(a) the group consisting of partial Formulas (1.1.1) through (1.1.15):~~



~~wherein~~

where  $R^{16}$  and  $R^{17}$  have the same meanings as defined above; and  $R^9$  has the same meaning as defined below;

--"\*\*" indicates the point of attachment of each partial Formula (1.1.1) through (1.1.15) to the remaining portion of Formula (1.0.0);

--q is 1, 2, or 3, provided that where q is 2 or 3,  $R^9$  has the meaning of H in at least one instance, or two instances, respectively;

--v 0 or 1;

--W<sup>3</sup> is O; N( $R^9$ ), where  $R^9$  has the same meaning as defined below; or OC(=O);

--R<sup>7</sup><sub>A</sub> is a member independently selected from the group consisting of

— the following: —

--(1) -H;

--(2) -(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl; -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkenyl; or -(C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkynyl; where said alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl is substituted by 0 to 3 substituents R<sup>10</sup>, where R<sup>10</sup> has the same meaning as defined above;

--(3) -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>u</sub>-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>) cycloalkyl; where u is 0, 1 or 2; and further where said (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>) cycloalkyl is substituted by 0 to 3 substituents R<sup>10</sup> where R<sup>10</sup> has the same meaning as defined above;

— and —

--(4) phenyl or benzyl, where said phenyl or benzyl is independently substituted by 0 to 3 substituents R<sup>10</sup> where R<sup>10</sup> has the same meaning as defined above;

--R<sup>7</sup><sub>B</sub> is a member independently selected from the group consisting of

— the following: —

--(1) tetrazol-5-yl; 1,2,4-triazol-3-yl; 1,2,4-triazol-3-on-5-yl; 1,2,3-triazol-5-yl; imidazol-2-yl; imidazol-4-yl; imidazolidin-2-en-4-yl; 1,3,4-oxadiazolyl; 1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-en-5-yl; 1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl; 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-en-3-yl; 1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl; 1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-en-5-yl; 1,2,5-thiadiazolyl; 1,3,4-thiadiazolyl; morpholinyl; parathiazinyl; oxazolyl; isoxazolyl; thiazolyl; isothiazolyl; pyrrolyl; pyrazolyl; succinimidyl; glutarimidyl; pyrrolidonyl; 2-piperidonyl; 2-pyridonyl; 4-pyridonyl; pyridazin-3-onyl; pyridyl; pyrimidinyl; pyrazinyl; pyridazinyl;

— and —

--(2) indolyl; indolinyl; isoindolinyl; benzo[b]furanyl; 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl; 1,3-dihydroisobenzofuranyl; 2H-1-benzopyranyl; 2H-chromenyl; chromanyl; benzothienyl; 1H-indazolyl; benzimidazolyl; benzoxazolyl; benzisoxazolyl; benzothiazolyl; benzotriazolyl;

~~benzotriazinyl; phthalazinyl; 1,8-naphthyridinyl; quinolinyl; isoquinolinyl; quinazolinyl; quinoxalinyl; pyrazolo[3,4-d]pyrimidinyl; pyrimido[4,5-d]pyrimidinyl; imidazo[1,2-a]pyridinyl; pyridopyridinyl; pteridinyl; and 1*H*-purinyl;~~

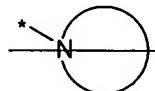
—where—

~~any moiety recited in (1) or (2) above is optionally substituted with respect to (i) any one or more carbon atoms thereof optionally by a substituent R<sup>14</sup> where R<sup>14</sup> has the same meaning as defined above; (ii) any one or more nitrogen atoms thereof that is not a point of attachment of said moiety, optionally by a substituent R<sup>16</sup> where R<sup>16</sup> has the same meaning as defined above, and all tautomer forms thereof; and (iii) any sulfur atom thereof that is not a point of attachment of said moiety, by 0, 1, or 2 oxygen atoms;~~

~~R<sup>9</sup> is a member selected from the group consisting of H; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>) alkyl; (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>) cycloalkyl; phenyl; benzyl; pyridyl; C(=O)OR<sup>16</sup>; C(=O)R<sup>16</sup>; OR<sup>16</sup>; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>) alkyl OR<sup>16</sup>; and (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>) alkyl C(=O)OR<sup>16</sup>; where R<sup>16</sup> has the same meaning as defined above;~~

~~R<sup>7</sup><sub>C</sub> is a member independently selected from the group consisting of the meanings of R<sup>7</sup><sub>A</sub> and the meanings of R<sup>7</sup><sub>B</sub> defined above;~~

—and further wherein—



(1.1.15)

~~comprises a saturated or unsaturated, 4 to 8 membered monocyclic, or 5 to 10 membered fused or open bicyclic, carbocyclic ring system containing a nitrogen heteroatom as shown in partial Formula (1.1.15); wherein optionally from 1 to 3 carbon atoms of said carbocyclic ring system may be individually replaced by a nitrogen heteroatom; or optionally 1 carbon atom thereof may be replaced by an oxygen heteroatom or by a sulfur heteroatom; or optionally 2 carbon atoms thereof may be individually replaced by a nitrogen heteroatom and an oxygen heteroatom, or by a nitrogen heteroatom and a sulfur heteroatom;~~

—where—

~~any moiety of partial Formula (1.1.15) recited above is optionally substituted with respect to (1) any one or more carbon atoms thereof, by a substituent R<sup>14</sup> where R<sup>14</sup> has the same meaning as defined above; (2) any one or more nitrogen atoms thereof by a substituent R<sup>16</sup> where R<sup>16</sup> has the same meaning as defined above, and all tautomer forms, and optionally N-oxide forms thereof; or (3) any sulfur atom thereof by 0, 1, or 2 oxygen atoms;~~

—and Z is further selected from—

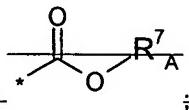
~~(b) a moiety comprising a member selected from the group consisting of —OP(=O)(OH)<sub>2</sub> (phosphoric); —PH(=O)OH (phosphinic); —P(=O)(OH)<sub>2</sub> (phosphonic);~~

~~(P(=O)(OH)O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl (alkylphosphone); P(=O)(OH)O(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl (alkylphosphinyl); P(=O)(OH)NH<sub>2</sub> (phosphoramido); P(=O)(OH)NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl and P(=O)(OH)NHR<sup>26</sup> (substituted phosphoramido); O-S(=O)<sub>2</sub>OH (sulfuric); S(=O)<sub>2</sub>OH (sulfonic); S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NHR<sup>26</sup> or NHS(=O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>26</sup> (sulfonamide) where R<sup>26</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, or o-tolyl; and acylsulfonamide selected from the group consisting of C(=O)NHS(=O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>26</sup>; C(=O)NHS(=O)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>; C(=O)NHS(=O)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl; C(=O)NHS(=O)<sub>2</sub>N[(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl]; S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NHC(=O)(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl; S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NHC(=O)NH<sub>2</sub>; S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NHC(=O)NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl; S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NHC(=O)N[(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl]; S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NHC(=O)R<sup>26</sup>; S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NHCN; S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NHC(=S)NH<sub>2</sub>; S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NHC(=S)NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl; S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NHC(=S)N[(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl]; and S(=O)<sub>2</sub>NHS(=O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>26</sup>;~~

—where—

~~R<sup>25</sup> is H; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl; phenyl; or OR<sup>18</sup>, where R<sup>18</sup> has the same meaning as defined above;~~

~~provided that when Q<sup>1</sup> is phenyl, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are taken together to form a moiety which is a member selected from the group consisting of partial Formulas (1.3.1), (1.3.2), (1.3.3) and (1.3.6), g is 0 and Q<sup>2</sup> is biphenyl, then Z is not~~



— or —

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

## 2. - 5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein Q<sup>1</sup> is phenyl or pyridyl; Q<sup>2</sup> is biphenyl, 3-phenylpyridine, cyclohexylbenzene, [2,2']bipyridinyl, bicyclohexyl, naphthalene, or biphenylene; j is 1; m is 0 or 1; and n is 1; Z is a moiety selected from partial Formulas (1.1.1) through (1.1.3), (1.1.5), (1.1.6), and (1.1.10) through (1.1.14) where R<sup>7\_A</sup> is (a) H, or CH<sub>3</sub> substituted by 0-3 R<sup>10</sup> where R<sup>10</sup> is F; or is CH<sub>3</sub> substituted by 0 or 1 R<sup>10</sup> where R<sup>10</sup> is CN, OR<sup>16</sup> where R<sup>16</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub> or CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, or NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup> or NR<sup>16</sup>C(=O)R<sup>17</sup> where R<sup>16</sup> and R<sup>17</sup> are H or CH<sub>3</sub>; (b) cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl; or (c) phenyl or benzyl substituted by 0-2 R<sup>10</sup> where R<sup>10</sup> is F, Cl, CF<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>OH, SCH<sub>3</sub>, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, OR<sup>16</sup>, or NR<sup>16</sup>R<sup>17</sup> where R<sup>16</sup> and R<sup>17</sup> are H, CH<sub>3</sub>, or CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>; R<sup>8</sup> is H or CH<sub>3</sub>; W<sup>1</sup> is O; g is 1 and W<sup>2</sup> is O or CR<sup>29</sup>R<sup>30</sup> where R<sup>29</sup> and R<sup>30</sup> are both H, or g is 0 and W<sup>2</sup> is thus absent; Y is C(R<sup>4\_a</sup>); R<sup>4\_a</sup> is H, or F; R<sup>A</sup> and R<sup>B</sup> are independently H or CH<sub>3</sub>; or R<sup>A</sup> and R<sup>B</sup> are taken together to form a (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)cycloalkyl spiro moiety; one of R<sup>C</sup> and R<sup>D</sup> is H and the other is H or CH<sub>3</sub>; R<sup>E</sup>

and R<sup>2</sup> are H, F, or OCH<sub>3</sub>; and R<sup>3</sup> is H or CH<sub>3</sub>; and R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are H provided that R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are not both H at the same time, F, Cl, OCH<sub>3</sub>, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, or C(=O)R<sup>3</sup> or -C(=O)OR<sup>3</sup> where R<sup>3</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub>; or R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are taken together to form a moiety of partial Formula (1.3.1), (1.3.2), (1.3.3), (1.3.4), (1.3.11), (1.3.12), or (1.3.15).

7. - 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein said compound is a member selected from the group consisting of the following:

[4'-(2-(Benzo[2,1,3]thiadiazol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-acetic acid;

[4'-(2-(Benzo[2,1,3]oxadiazol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-acetic acid;

(±)-2-[4'-(2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-acetic acid;

(±)-2-[4'-(2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-2-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-propionic acid;

(±)-2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-(2'-fluoro-4'[1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-ethoxy]-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-nicotinamide;

(±)-2-[4'-(2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-3'-fluoro-biphenyl-2-yloxy]-propionic acid;

(±)-2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-(2'-fluoro-4'[1-(5-methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazol-3-yl)-ethoxy]-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-nicotinamide;

(±)-N-[4'-(1-Carbamoyl-ethoxy)-2'-fluoro-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]-2-(3-cyano-phenoxy)-nicotinamide;

(±)-2-[2,3'-Difluoro-4'-(2-(3-methoxy-phenoxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl]-amino)-methyl]-biphenyl-4-yloxy]-propionic acid;

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-(4'-carbamoylmethyl-3-fluoro-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-nicotinamide;

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-(4'[(2-cyano-benzoylamino)-methyl]-2'-fluoro-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-5-fluoro-nicotinamide;

Pyridine-2-carboxylic acid-(3'-fluoro-4'-(2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-nicotinamide)-methyl)-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-amide;

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-(2'-fluoro-4'[1-methyl-1-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-ethyl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-nicotinamide;

5-Fluoro-N-(3-fluoro-4'-(5-methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazole-3-carbonyl)-amino)-methyl)-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl)-2-(3-methoxy-phenoxy)-nicotinamide;

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-[2'-fluoro-4'[(2-methoxybenzoyl)amino]-methyl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethylnicotinamide;

N-[4'-(1,3-Dioxo-1,3-dihydro-isindol-2-yl)methyl]-2'-fluoro-biphenyl-4-ylmethylnicotinamide;

N-[2'-Fluoro-4'[(3H-imidazole-4-carbonyl)amino]-methyl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethylnicotinamide;

( $\pm$ )-3-[4'-(2-(3-Chloro-4-fluoro-phenoxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl)amino]-methyl]-2-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yloxybutyric acid;

2-[4'-(2-Benzo[2,1,3]thiadiazol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl)amino]-methyl]-2-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yl-2-methylpropionic acid;

( $\pm$ )-2-[4'-(2-(Benzo[2,1,3]oxadiazol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl)-amino]-methyl]-2-fluoro-biphenyl-4-yloxypropionic acid; and

( $\pm$ )-2-[3'-Fluoro-4'-(2-(2-methyl-2H-benzotriazol-5-yloxy)-pyridine-3-carbonyl)-amino]-methyl]-biphenyl-4-yloxypropionic acid;

2-(3-Cyano-phenoxy)-N-[2'-fluoro-4'[(pyridin-2-yl)methyl]carbamoyl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethylnicotinamide;

2-(Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yloxy)-N-[2'-fluoro-4'[(quinolin-2-yl)methyl]carbamoyl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethylnicotinamide;

5-Fluoro-2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)-N-[3-fluoro-3'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]nicotinamide;

N-[3-Fluoro-4'[(1-hydroxy-pyridin-2-yl)methyl]carbamoyl]-biphenyl-4-ylmethylnicotinamide;

( $\pm$ )-N-[3-Fluoro-4'-(2-hydroxy-1,2-dimethyl-propoxy)-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]-2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)nicotinamide;

N-[2'-Fluoro-4'-(1-hydroxy-1-methyl-ethyl)-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]-2-(4-fluoro-phenoxy)nicotinamide; and

2-(3-Chloro-4-fluoro-phenoxy)-N-[4'-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-biphenyl-4-ylmethyl]nicotinamide.

14. - 18. (Canceled)

19. (Withdrawn) A method of treating a disease, disorder or condition mediated by the PDE4 isozyme in a mammal, said method comprising administering to said mammal in need of such mediation, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 19 wherein said PDE4 isozyme is the PDE4-D subtype isozyme.

21. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 19 wherein said disease, disorder or condition is atopic asthma; non-atopic asthma; allergic asthma; bronchial asthma; essential asthma; true asthma; intrinsic asthma caused by pathophysiologic disturbances; extrinsic asthma caused by environmental factors; essential asthma of unknown or inapparent cause; bronchitic asthma; emphysematous asthma; exercise-induced asthma; occupational asthma; infective asthma caused by bacterial, fungal, protozoal or viral infection; non-allergic asthma; incipient asthma; or wheezy infant syndrome.

22. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 19 wherein said disease, disorder or condition is chronic or acute bronchoconstriction; chronic bronchitis; small airways obstruction; emphysema; pneumoconiosis; chronic eosinophilic pneumonia; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; adult respiratory distress syndrome; or exacerbation of airways hyper-reactivity consequent to other drug therapy.

23. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 22 wherein said chronic obstructive pulmonary disease is characterized by irreversible, progressive airways obstruction.

24. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 22 wherein said pneumonconiosis is aluminosis; bauxite workers' disease; anthracosis; miners' disease; asbestosis; steam-fitters' asthma; chalcosis; flint disease; ptilosis caused by inhaling the dust from ostrich feathers; siderosis caused by the inhalation of iron particles; silicosis; grinders' disease; byssinosis; cotton-dust asthma; or talc pneumoconiosis.

25. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 19 wherein said disease, disorder or condition is bronchitis; acute bronchitis; chronic bronchitis; acute laryngotracheal bronchitis; arachidic bronchitis; catarrhal bronchitis; croupus bronchitis; dry bronchitis; infectious asthmatic bronchitis; productive bronchitis; staphylococcus bronchitis; streptococcal bronchitis; or vesicular bronchitis.

26. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 19 wherein said disease, disorder or condition is bronchiectasis; cylindric bronchiectasis; sacculated bronchiectasis; fusiform bronchiectasis; capillary bronchiectasis; cystic bronchiectasis; dry bronchiectasis or follicular bronchiectasis.

27. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 19 wherein said disease, disorder or condition is seasonal allergic rhinitis; perennial allergic rhinitis; sinusitis; purulent sinusitis; nonpurulent sinusitis; acute sinusitis; chronic sinusitis; ethmoid sinusitis; frontal sinusitis; or sphenoid sinusitis.